

HOUSE RESOLUTION 70

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2016, Noelani DeRossett.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative individual is Noelani DeRossett, who was crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance," searching for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans and believing that seniors are the foundation of America and our most valuable treasure; and

WHEREAS, born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Noelani DeRossett moved to Southern California as a young girl; she learned the art of hula dancing in Hollywood and entertained as a Polynesian dancer in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and Reno, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, for thirteen years, Mrs. DeRossett was a stage director, choreographer, costume designer, and featured dancer at a Hollywood night club; as a Screen Extras Guild cardholder, she also worked in many television series and movies and was a dancer in Elvis Presley's *Girls! Girls! Girls!* and *Paradise, Hawaiian Style*; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing, Noelani DeRossett joined the management team at JCPenney; over her twenty-five years of employment, she served as merchandise manager, general merchandiser, personnel manager, and operations manager; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement from JCPenney, Noelani DeRossett and her husband, Dave, purchased a campground in Lake George, New York, in 1994; during this time, Mrs. DeRossett served on the board of directors for the Lake George Chamber of Commerce, the Campground Owners of New York, the Northeast Campground Association, and the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds. They retired in 2008 and now spend their winters in Florida and their summers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Mrs. DeRossett volunteers at the Fair Park Senior Center in Crossville, as well as with the Tennessee Jewels, a local garden club, Porsche Club events, and the Northeast Campground Association; she also teaches Hawaiian dancing, and she and her students perform Hawaiian shows at Fair Park Senior Center, church functions, assisted living facilities, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeRossett is perhaps most grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband of fifty-two years, Dave DeRossett; together they have fun collecting classic cars and attending car shows; and

WHEREAS, Noelani DeRossett has represented and will continue to represent the State of Tennessee and the Ms. Tennessee Senior America organization with aplomb and dignity, appearing at a number of special events and grand openings; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeRossett's pageant victory is a special source of pride for her family, her many friends, her community, and the State of Tennessee, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Noelani DeRossett upon being crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2016, extending to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.